GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2575
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
BOOKSTALL CONTRACT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Ministry's letter No. 68TGIII/461/10/Caiii dated January 27, 1969 as well as para 741 of Traffic Commercial Code, the bookstall contract would be awarded to unemployed graduates including weaker section of societies by inviting applications and not by calling tenders; and

(b) if so, the details of bookstalls held by unemployed graduates in each Zonal Railway, division-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Para 738 (not 741) of Indian Railway Code for Traffic (Commercial) Department reads as " Licences for bookstalls and for sale of books, periodicals etc. at railway stations should be awarded by inviting applications and not by calling tenders. Firms who are already in the book selling business should be given preference when giving out book-stall contracts, as they would be in a position to give better service than those who are new to it."

Above para did not contain the term 'unemployed graduates' including weaker sections of the society. However, bookstall licences were awarded to unemployed graduates, their co-operatives, partnership enterprises, associations etc. on railways and provision still exists in Revised Bookstall Policy 2004 for awarding bookstall licences at 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' and 'F' category stations to unemployed graduates, their co-operatives, their organisations, partnership enterprises etc.

(b) Details of bookstalls held by un-employed graduates in each zonal railway, division-wise is given in Appendix.

APPENDIX REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2575 BY SHRI J. M. AARON RASHID, TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2004 REGARDING BOOKSTALL CONTRACT

NO OF BOOKSTALLS HELD BY UNEMPLOYED GRADUATE IN EACH ZONAL RAILWAY (DIVISION WISE)

Sl.No.	Railway	Division	No. of bookstalls
1.	Central	Bhusawal	04
		Nagpur	03
		Mumbai CST	21
		Solapur	-
		Pune	-
		Total	28
2.	Eastern	Malda	04
		Howrah	16
		Sealdah	26
		Asansol	06
		Total	52
3.	East Central	Danapur	12
		Dhanbad	14
		Sonepur	01
		Mughalsarai	01
		Samastipur	22

Total 50

4. East Coast Khurda Road 02
Waltair -
Sambalpur 01

Total 03

5. Northern Ambala 15
Ferozpur 11
Lucknow 05
Moradabad 04
Delhi 26

Total 61

6. Northeast Frontier Katihar 01
Lumding -
Tinsukia 01
Alipurduar 01
Rangiya 01

Total 04

7. North Eastern Lucknow 20
Varanasi 19
Izatnagar 10

Total 49

8. North Central Allahabad 06
Jhansi 07
Agra 01

Total 14

9. North Western Bikaner 01
Jodhpur 03
Jaipur 04
Ajmer 02

Total 10

10. Southern Chennai 14
Madurai 03
Palghat 03
Tiruchchirappalli 02
Trivandrum 10

Total 32

11. South Central Secunderabad 06
Hyderabad 01

Guntakal 07
Vijayawada 05
Guntur 03
Nanded 03

Total 25

12. South Eastern Kharagpur 03
Chakradharpur -
Adra 03
Ranchi -

Total 06

13. South East Central Nagpur 05
Bilaspur 10
Raipur 02

Total 17

14 South West Bangalore -
Mysore 07
Hubli 10

Total 17

15. Western Bhavnagar 01
Mumbai Central 02
Ratlam 03
Rajkot 02
Ahmedabad -
Vadodara -

Total 08

16. West Central Jabalpur 03
Bhopal 06
Kota 04

Total 13